

IN THE CLAIMS:

None of the claims are amended herein. However, for the convenience of the Examiner, all the pending claims are shown below.

1. (ORIGINAL) A computer-implemented decision management process comprising:

- applying a decision management strategy for controlling behavior of clients of an organization, the strategy being formed of components operating together;
- determining results of the applied strategy;
- selecting, by an end user of the process, a respective component forming the strategy for optimization;
- selecting, by the end user, potential replacement components and performance metrics for the potential replacement components;
- applying the selected potential replacement components to prior performance data of the clients;
- determining results of the applied potential replacement components; and
- automatically optimizing the selected component forming the strategy, in accordance with the determined results of the applied strategy, the determined results of the applied potential replacement components, and the metrics.

2. (ORIGINAL) A computer-implemented decision management process as in claim 1, wherein the selected performance metrics includes a threshold for the potential replacement components, said automatically optimizing replacing the selected component with a respective replacement component if performance improvement results of the respective potential replacement component satisfy the threshold.

3. (ORIGINAL) A computer-implemented decision management process as in claim 1, further comprising repeating the process of claim 1 for the applied strategy.

4. (ORIGINAL) A computer-implemented decision management apparatus comprising:

- means for applying a decision management strategy for controlling behavior of clients of an organization, the strategy being formed of components operating together;
- means for determining results of the applied strategy;

means for selecting, by an end user of the process, a respective component forming the strategy for optimization;

means for selecting, by the end user, potential replacement components and performance metrics for the potential replacement components;

means for applying the selected potential replacement components to prior performance data of the clients;

means for determining results of the applied potential replacement components; and

means for automatically optimizing the selected component forming the strategy, in accordance with the determined results of the applied strategy, the determined results of the applied potential replacement components, and the metrics.

5. (ORIGINAL) A computer-implemented decision management apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the selected performance metrics includes a threshold for the potential replacement components, said means for automatically optimizing replacing the selected component with a respective replacement component if performance improvement results of the respective potential replacement component satisfy the threshold.

6. (ORIGINAL) A computer-implemented decision management apparatus as in claim 4, further comprising means for repeating each of the means of claim 4 for the applied strategy.